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(e) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1,
(f) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence differing from the amino acid
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 by deletion, substitution or addition of at least one or more amino
acids, and having galactinol synthetic activity.

9. (Amended) The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to
claim 6, which comprises excessively expressing the following protein (g) or (h) in the plant
body:

(g) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 2,
(h) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence differing from the amino acid
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 by deletion, substitution or addition of at least one or more amino
acids, and having galactinol synthetic activity.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1 and 7-9 have been amended.

The amendment of Claims 1 and 7 is supported by page 8, lines 1-11. The
amendment of Claims 8-9 is supported by page 12, line 16 to page 13, line 7.

No new matter was added to the application by virtue of the present amendment.
Entry and favorable consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.